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Nazi Offensive Spreads: But No Cause For Alarm

"Impetus Of German Attack With Elite Of Troops Must Overrun Part Of Allied Front"

Rundstedt's Attempt In No Way Comparable To Last Throw Of Ludendorff

U. S. FIRST ARMY, Dec. 18.

If only momentarily Marshal Rundstedt's new offensive looks like spreading.

Gen. Hodges's men battling manfully back today plugged and sealed several penetrations.

NAZI DRIVE INTO BELGIUM

The Germans made substantial advances during the night. One drive made several miles inside south-east of Belgium round the towns south of Monschau.

GERMANS STILL ADVANCING

SHAEF, (Paris): German troops are still advancing to-day in an all-out counter-offensive and the situation is reported to be entirely fluid. Measures to deal with the situation are in hand, and there is no cause for undue alarm although gains at some points run several miles.

With the throwing in of such strong force of infantry and armour in this sector of the front where previously no tanks were reported, it is clear the Germans must have called in formations from tactical and strategic reserve—possibly more than half. The German attacks are violent and sustained but in some areas have been stopped. The exact location of German attacks and advances is deliberately being withheld. First Army troops to-day continued searching for groups of paratroops who are still not mopped up. After hammering the Luftwaffe in a given battle area yesterday, night-fighters ranging the area for evening to dawn did not encounter German planes.

GERMANS DIG IN BEHIND MAAS

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP H. Q., Dec. 18: The German offensive against the Americans has not resulted in any weakening or withdrawal of troops on the British and Canadian fronts.

The Germans are dug in behind the Maas solidly and are at present not obliged by any pressure to quit their well prepared defences.

Impetus Of Nazi Attack With Elite Troops

LONDON, Dec. 18: From Reuter's Military Commentator:—

This is the first big counter-attack launched by the German High Command since the attempt to cut Gen. Patton's lifeline at Avranches four months ago.

This determined counter-attack carefully prepared and conducted with the elite of troops must by its sheer impetus overrun part of the Allied Front.

NOT LUDENDORFF'S FEAT

From a purely military point of view, the time for counter-attack had not yet come. If Marshal Rundstedt had any choice he would have waited. That is why the possible objectives of the German attacks seem only limited. It can spoil certain immediate Allied plans, but it is in no way comparable to the ambitious last throw of Ludendorff in 1918. That could conceivably have saved Germany from defeat. Marshal Rundstedt's effort can at best only somewhat delay it; but even that is not certain.

Patton's Men Take Three Towns

Latest reports from Reuter's Correspondent: With the U. S. Third Army: General Patton's troops have cleared out three small German towns east of Sarreguemines. Gersheim, Losterwold and Sangerwold are all in the area about seven miles east of Sarreguemines. There is a road junction at Gersheim which is of some importance. The bridge which crosses river Blies here was captured intact. The greatest advance was made by infantry which pushed forward two miles going half a mile beyond Medelsheim, which is nine miles east of Sarreguemines. Gains of one and a half miles were made north of Walsheim. Fighting is reported in Walsheim, seven and a half miles north-east of Sarreguemines, two-thirds of which is in American hands.

EISENHOWER'S COMMUNIQUE

Gen. Eisenhower's communique today stated: "Fighting increased in the Monschau area, with the enemy continuing his attacks. In some sectors the enemy made use of small groups of parachutists. Gains were made by Germans near Honsfeld, south-west of Vianden and south of Echternach.

During the enemy's efforts to give air support to his attacking ground forces, we destroyed 108 of his aircraft for a loss of 33 of our fighters. Mostly over Monschau forest though combats also developed in Rhine Munster and Bocholt regions. In the Bitsche area, heavy fighting continues around the Maginot forts. Enemy resistance slackened slightly but remains stubborn.

North-east of Wissembourg our units captured half a dozen villages inside Germany, including Schweighoffen and Kapsweyer. Our forces now are facing the Siegfried Line at many points. Medium bombers, two of which are missing, attacked the Siegfried Line defences between Ober Otterbach and Steinfeld.

In the High Vosges mountains our ground forces freed Kaisersberg.

On the Alsace plain some ground was lost to strong enemy counter-attacks.

GERMAN VERSION

The German News Agency states: "Following very heavy artillery preparation enemy infantry with armour support succeeded in capturing some of our pill-boxes at Dillingen and Saarlouis. Counter-attacks to recapture them are in progress.

The Wissembourg sector the Americans succeeded in gaining some ground yielded by us in the process of shortening our lines.

SOVIET POISED FOR PUSH ON VIENNA

Red Army Pincers Cover Germans In North-East Hungary

MOSCOW, Dec. 18: From Reuter's Special Correspondent: Marshal Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army broadening the belt of Soviet-held territory arcing Budapest from north and north-east, is to-day massing on the hills for a westward push on Vienna.

The Red Army is gripping the German grouping in north-eastern Hungary between pincers plunged deep at either end of the 80-mile front from the hills north-east of Budapest to the mountain beyond Miskolc. There the German and Hungarian flanking defence of Eastern Slovakia is steadily crumbling under Marshal Malinovsky's thrusts.

On their right, north of Miskolc, the Soviets are intensifying their outflanking movement on the vital Czechoslovak rail hub of Kosice and are now pushing back the Wehrmacht in sharp clashes over the border country between Hungary and Czechoslovakia. German resistance is reported to be increasing as German reinforcements flow unceasingly to the front.

RUSSIANS TAKE PASZTO

Sunday's Soviet communique states on Hungarian territory, north-east and north-west of Miskolcs our troops occupied the town and railway station of Butnok and fought their way into more than 40 other inhabited localities.

North-east of Budapest our troops captured the town and railway station of Paszto.

V. K. RAJWADE DEAD

POONA, Dec. 18: Death occurred, here last night, of Mr. V. K. Rajwade, a member of the Deccan Education Society and a former Principal of the M. T. B. College at Surat at the age of 85. He was a Vedic scholar.—A. P.

BRITISH FORCES BEGIN OFFENSIVE IN ATHENS

Differences In Greek Cabinet Over Regency Issue

ATHENS, Dec. 18.—British forces in Athens area early to-day began an offensive drive to clear the main road between Athens and the sea and to seize a number of strategic hillocks still in ELAS possession.

From Reuter's special correspondent: Fierce fighting raged in Athens throughout the night. The city was lit up with light flares, machine-gun fire had continuous shelling, while heavy planes droned overhead. The intensity of the fighting increased about dawn.

According to the latest reports Allied forces have already progressed two-thirds way up the Phaleron-Athens Road. Tanks and armoured cars are at present engaged in surrounding a large brewery building past the ruins of Hadrian's Arch. ELAS snipers are holding out inside the building and smoke bombs are being used in the assault now going on.

An attack on the Air Headquarters in Greece was launched by 600 ELAS troops. An R.A.F. regiment and the army are defending from within a group of buildings, including a hotel.

REGENCY ISSUE

It was stated at noon today that differences have arisen within the Greek Cabinet over the Regency question. The King of Greece's consent to the proposal cannot be sought until these are overcome.

AMERICANS KEEP OFF

Brigadier-General P. L. Sadler in charge of American relief in Greece stated that American personnel have been instructed to refrain from any action which could possibly be interpreted as intervention in Greek political affair."

General Plastiras who recently returned to Greece appealed to ELAS to lay down arms and avoid conflicting with British troops.

He blamed the Anarchical elements who had been collaborating with the Germans and the Bulgarians for civil war.

Indian Troops Still In It!

As British and Indian troops made considerable progress during the last 24 hours in the Piraeus and Phaleron areas, the small Indian garrison and the Allied relief units in the Volos area were presented by the "insurgents" with an ultimatum to quit the town.

General Scobie's communique said: "After regrouping in the Piraeus and Phaleron areas British and Indian troops made considerable progress during the last 24 hours. As a result, control is rapidly being regained on the Phaleron-Piraeus coastal road and the main Phalerou-Athens road which the "insurgents" have been holding in some strength.

"Last night "insurgent" forces supported by artillery launched a strong attack against air headquarters in Greece. Fighting continues."

SHIPYARD WORKERS DEMAND ARMISTICE IN GREECE

LONDON, Dec. 18: One hundred and five thousand West of Scotland Shipyard and Factory workers to-day held meetings of protest against Government's attitude in Greece. More than 200 factories and shipyards were involved. During the meetings resolutions demanding that Government should arrange an armistice in Greece were passed and telegrams to this effect were sent to Mr. Churchill.—Reuter.

INDIA TO BE DUMPING GROUND?

Potential Market For Woollen Textiles

LONDON, Dec. 18.

India as a great potential market for wool textiles is envisaged by the International Wool Publicity and Research Secretariat.

A Conference of its Executive, attended by delegates from South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, has now concluded its work and the Secretariat to-day issued a statement reviewing some of its work during the past fortnight at a Press Conference in London. The delegates gave the assurance that they were resolved to maintain the position of wool as number one textile in the world. The report stated that "the conference devoted much attention to the needs of vast prospective markets such as India, Russia and China and decided to set up a special section of the Secretariat to deal with the particular problem of newly-developed countries.

Mr. Douglas Boyd, Chairman Australian Wool Board and Chairman of the Executive of the Secretariat, explained that India, with her huge overseas credit was a great potential market for wool textiles and the market would no doubt increase after the war with the raising of the standard of living in that country. Hence her economic possibilities would be fully surveyed.

As regards Russia, the decision lay with the Government which being totalitarian, would decide what her people would wear.

China was a more distant market. The Chinese had always been fond of knitting and endeavours would be made to export wool yarns to that country instead of other fibres which they had hitherto used.—Reuter.

MINERS' STRIKE THREAT

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18: Belgium is threatened with a strike in coalfields on Wednesday. The Communist-controlled Miners' Syndicate threaten to call a strike if their organisation is not recognized as a Trade Union with powers of negotiation.—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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Franco-Soviet Treaty

No Separate Peace With Germany

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Paris Radio tonight announced that under a new Franco-Soviet Treaty, France and Russia are to continue to fight at each other's side and at the side of the United Nations until victory over Germany. No separate peace is to be signed with Germany, whether Hitlerite or not. Treaty is for 20 years. If at the end of that period it is not denounced, it remains in force until further notice.

The terms of the treaty are set out as follows:

"Article (1): Each of the contracting parties will continue to fight at the other's side and on that of the United Nations until final victory over Germany. Each of the contracting parties undertakes to give to the other help and assistance in this fight with all the means at their disposal.

Article (2): The high contracting parties will undertake not to enter into separate negotiations with Germany nor conclude without mutual agreement an armistice or peace treaty either with the Hitlerite Government or with any other Government or authority set up in Germany with the aim of prolonging or nourishing the policy of German aggression.

Article (3): The high contracting parties undertake to adopt all the necessary measures in common, according at the end of the present conflict with Germany, to eliminate any new threat emanating from Germany and bar the way to any kind of initiative rendering possible a new German attempt of aggression.

Article (4): In the event of one or other of the high contracting parties finding itself implicated in hostilities with Germany, either as a result of aggression committed by Germany or as a result of circumstances mentioned in article three, the other party will immediately bring it all the aid and assistance in its power.

Article (5): The high contracting parties undertake not to conclude an alliance or enter coalition aimed against one or the other of them.

Article (6): The high contracting parties agree to exchange all possible economic assistance after the war so as to facilitate and speed up the reconstruction of their respective countries and contribute to the prosperity of the world.

Article (7): The present treaty does not affect in anyway any previous engagement contracted by any of the two parties with third nations by virtue of extracts published."

The text adds that the treaty will be ratified as soon as it is feasible to do so.—Reuter.

LORD WAVELL'S UNDERSTATEMENT

"Times" On Indian Deadlock

LONDON, Dec. 18

The "Times", writes editorially under heading "Initiative in India", says: "In pointing to the admirable work of his Indian colleagues in the now predominantly Indianised Central Government Lord Wavell recognised frankly that a national government based upon the support of the main political parties and operating during war time within the framework of the existing constitution was better suited to India's needs. This indeed is an understatement, for if such a government could be established the political deadlock would have been finally resolved.

"The communal problem is a real bar to progress; and the Viceroy referred with appreciation to the efforts now being made by the Sapru Committee to succeed where Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah failed. But it may be doubted whether his all important pleas for the restoration of Indian belief in the British good faith will be advanced by the argument that after the failures of the 1935 Act and the Cripps offer His Majesty's Government are chary of further action. Britain's policy has been laid down once and for all; its fulfilment cannot be left to depend upon unaided Indian initiative. Such an intiative must be actively fostered not merely on its own merits but for opportunity which it will afford for prompt, and appropriate action by Britain herself."—United Press.

Labour Conference Lead Vindicates Congress Position

LONDON, Dec. 18: The Federation of Indian Associations in Britain in a statement to-day said: "The adoption of the resolution on India by the Labour Party Conference clearly vindicates the position taken up by the Indian National Congress and conclusively proves that the Labour movement of Great Britain as a whole is waking up to its responsibilities."

The Federation congratulated the Labour Party Conference for demanding the release of prisoners and establishment of a National Government now. Indians are anxiously waiting for the implementation of the resolution.—Reuter.

TRADE FOLLOWS FLAG —AND HOW QUICKLY!

LEYTE, (Philippines), Dec. 18: From Reuter's special correspondent: Regular shipments of hemp are to be made from the Philippines to the United States.

An American delegation of four headed by Mr. John Paluley, representing a United States Commercial Company, made the arrangements after conferring with President Osmena. President Osmena said that steps would be taken to facilitate production and shipment.—Reuter.

Mahatma Orders Inquiry

Ahmedabad Tenants' Grievances

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18

It is reliably learnt that Mahatmaji has taken up the question of tenants of Ahmedabad and due to his ill health and 'work fast' has issued instructions to Mr. Mavlanker asking him to make an inquiry and submit a detailed report.

It is further stated that sensational statements regarding the harassment to tenants particularly a heart-rending statement about harassment to women and signed by women) were sent to Mahatmaji by numerous individuals from the city. Mahatmaji is much grieved and he has forwarded all these communications and correspondence to Sjt. Mavlanker instructing him to enquire and do the needful immediately.

NO JAIL DELIVERY IN U. P.

LUCKNOW, Dec. 18.

The report published in a section of the press that more than six hundred political prisoners will be released from the United Provinces jails at an early date is characterised in official circles as without foundation. It is pointed out that the cases of political prisoners are reviewed periodically by the Provincial Government as required under the Defence of India Rules and the next review will take place sometime in January 1945. Official circles also deny the report that a meeting of the C.I.D. Chiefs of the various districts was held recently at Lucknow to discuss the question of the release of political prisoners.—A.P.

Fazlul Huq Alleges Defamation

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

On a complaint of Mr. Fazlul Huq, ex-Chief Minister of Bengal, Mr. K. Gupta, Chief Presidency Magistrate, has issued summons on the charge of defamation against Mr. A. K. Shamsuddin, Editor, Printer and Publisher of the "Asad", a Bengali Daily in connection with the publication of a note containing reference to Mr. Huq's relation with the Muslim League. The note, has been reproduced from the "Peoples' War," Bombay, alleging Mr. Huq was sitting (Dharna) at the door of Sir Nazimuddin for being taken in the League. A search warrant was also issued against the "Peoples' War".—United Press.

MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION

ARIYALUR (Trichinopoly), Dec. 18: Mrs. Rukmini Lakshmipathi, Vice-President of the Tamil Nad Provincial Congress Committee, who submitted her resignation of Vice-Presidentship yesterday, has now withdrawn the same on persuation by all prominent Congressmen of Tamil Nad.—United Press.

Jailed For Six Years For Looting Bank

HUBLI, Dec. 17: Mr. Nadkarni, Assistant Sessions Judge, Belgaum, delivering judgment in the case in which a bank was looted sentenced one Gopal Laxman Sutar of Gadinglaj to six years' R. I., Sreemant Tail Bhagirti of Nidsmoshi and Shankar Chandra Lohar to five years' R. I. each on the charge of looting the amount and Gangadhar Khebu to four years' and one day for keeping with him the amount.

Shivmurti one of the accused was acquitted.—A. P.

Publishers Permitted To Increase Prices

The publishers of school text-books have been permitted by the Government of Bombay to increase their prices by certain percentages on pre-war prices. These percentages are 65 for primary school text-books, 50 for middle schools and upper primary text-books, and 15 for high school text-books.

These increases may be added only to the pre-war prices of text-books on white paper for new editions or reprints printed on "glaze" newsprint. No increase will be permitted in the case of text-books already published, with a specific price on them, either as reprints or fresh editions and which have already been sanctioned by School Book Committees for use in schools.

22 DESTITUTES DIE IN TWO DAYS

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18: Twenty-two sick destitutes died and 48 were admitted in hospital during the last two days, says a Press Note.—A. P.

CARRIER-BORNE FLYING BOMBS SHOT DOWN

LONDON, Dec. 18: Coastal batteries going into action early to-day against carrier-borne Flying Bombs shot a number down into the sea, off East Anglia. It is officially announced damage and casualties are reported from the German air activity against Southern England during the night.

HEAVY RAID ON MUNICH

Soon after the attack on Ulm last night another strong force of R.A.F. Lancasters attacked Munich. It is officially announced to-day. The R.A.F. also made a heavy attack on Duisberg.—Reuter.

MITRA TO HEAD INDIAN SCIENTIFIC CENTRE IN LONDON

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Professor S. K. Mitra, one of the Scientists who recently visited Britain is tipped as likely to head the proposed Indian Scientific Centre in London.

I understand that the Royal Society has offered its premises in Burlington House, Piccadilly, for housing the offices of the Centre for a period of one year.

"SUPER-FORTRESSES" OVER JAPAN

Two-Hour Raid On Nagoya: Hankow Also Receives Pounding

LONDON, December 18.

The Tokyo radio reported that several formations of super-forts were over Japan again today.

WASHINGTON: The War Department announced attacks on Hankow and Nagoya by a "sizable force of super-forts." The raids took place yesterday. The attacks were the first on Hankow and second on Nagoya.

TWO-HOUR RAID

NEW YORK, Dec. 18: A report from Saipan in Marianas says that Super-Fortresses in their raid on Nagoya to-day were over the area for about two hours. Photographs of the last raid showed that the damage to Hatsukoki factory was greater than previously supposed.

ALLIED LINK-UP IN BURMA

KANDY, Dec. 18: Following is today's S.E.A.C. 'communique:—

FOURTEENTH ARMY FRONT: Our troops have crossed the 100-mile wide hill belt east of the Chindwin and linked up, in the Banmauk area, with troops of the 36th British Division (Northern Combat Area Command) operating from Indaw. Contact was made on December 16.

The 14th Army troops in their advance occupied Pinlebu, 45 miles east of Sittaung, and Indaw, 23 miles east of Mawlaik.

On the Chindwin front, east and south of Kalewa, there is no important change.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA COMMAND: A task force attacked a Japanese position yesterday north-west of Tonkwa and took it, killing many of the enemy. Troops of the 36th British Division patrolled several miles south of Indaw without encountering Japanese.

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS FRONT: West African troops have made a new crossing of the Kalapanzin River south of Buthidaung and have gained some high ground.

EASTERN AIR COMMAND: Medium bombers attacked the railway on the Kaladan.

Rolling stock and buildings on the Mandalay-Lashio railway and on the line between Rangoon and Prome were also attacked. A Japanese camp at Ye-U were bombed.

One Allied aircraft is missing.—A. P.

MARS TASK FORCE BUSY

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18: A small unit of the Mars Task Force yesterday attacked a strong Jap position just north-west of Tonkwa, says a Press Note from Headquarters, U. S. Forces, India-Burma theatre. In heavy fighting that lasted for over four hours the Americans cleaned up the position, killing 33 Japs. American casualties were light.—A. P.

Chinese Progress In Kwangsi

WESTERN CHINA, Dec. 16: From Reuter's special correspondent:

Japanese troops have been forced to give up Nantan, important Chinese town well inside the Kwangsi Province.

Since they lost Tushan, 120 road miles south-east of Kweiyang a week ago, they have fallen back more than 80 miles. Chinese forces advancing along the Kwangsi-Kweichow railway have also retaken Tassantung, 18 miles south-east of Nantan and are now only five miles from Hochin, another important railway town.—Reuter.

Supplies To U. S. War Prisoners

LONDON, Dec. 18: The Japanese News Agency said to-day that Tokio is now preparing for early distribution of relief supplies to U. S. prisoners of war and internees in China and Philippines. The Agency quoting a Japanese Board of Information spokesman said that supplies had been dispatched by the Japanese Government to a port near Kobe. Guarantee of safe conduct by U. S. Government to the Japanese ships has been received by the Japanese Government through the Swiss Legation.—Reuter.

U. S. Troops Fight In Mindoro

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Reuter's special correspondent on Mindoro, Philippines, writes:—

General MacArthur's invasion troops are to-day fighting 11 miles inland, on the island of Mindoro.

On Leyte 77th Division outflanked the Yamashita line north of Ormoc and advanced seven miles northward. The 77th Division moved to within two miles of Valencia, the headquarters of the 35th Japanese army. The American first cavalry and 32nd Divisions also advanced.

FURTHER ALLIED GAINS IN ITALY

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN H. Q. Dec. 18:

To-day's 'communique' said: Canadian troops of the Eighth Army have made further gains south of Bagnacavallo. Other troops of the Eighth Army have virtually cleared Faenza. Our troops now hold the line of River Senio on a broad front southwards from the main Bologna-Rimini highway. On their left Polish troops of the Eighth Army approaching the River Senio have taken the villages of Limisano and Casette.

On the night of December 15/16, His Majesty's destroyer "Marne" intercepted enemy assault craft and caique near the island of Symi, north of Rhodes. A number of prisoners were made. On the night of December 16/17 near Mesco, a point north-west of Spezia, Anglo-American light naval forces attacked an enemy convoy. Three fighters were destroyed.

In air operations 48 enemy aircraft were destroyed and 29 of ours are missing.

MUKERJEE'S THREAT OF DIRECT ACTION

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

A warning that if the ban on Chapter XIV of the "Satyarth Prekash" is not withdrawn forthwith by the Sind Ministry, the whole Hindudom would stand by the Arya Samajists and be prepared for direct action at Bilaspore, was given by Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee, President-elect of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, addressing a crowded public meeting at the Arya Samaj Hall to-day, Mr. N. C. Chatterjee, Vice-President of the Mahasabha, presiding.

The meeting adopted a resolution characterising the action of the Sind Ministry as an unwarranted attack to religion and violation of the principle of religious non-intervention adopted by the British Government. —United Press.

STOP PRESS

U. S. & POLISH FRONTIERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18: Mr. Edward Stettinius, Secretary of State told a Press Conference that U. S. endorses the change of frontiers in Poland subject to certain conditions —Reuter.

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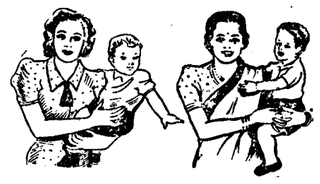

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POONA, Dec. 18.

The stands were practically empty when the Ranji Trophy match between Maharashtra and Baroda entered into the third day to-day. Nimbalkar and Adhikari, the overnight not-outs, resumed the Baroda second innings to the bowling of Sohoni and Shinde. When Nimbalkar was 84 he was dropped by Jadhav at mid-off, Sinde being the bowler to suffer. Except for the two lives at 67 and 84 Nimbalkar played scintillating cricket hitting all round the wicket, exhibiting brilliant foot-work with 16 fours to his credit. Despite the bowling changes the batsmen scored freely and 200 was signalled in 158 minutes. At this stage Deodhar himself came to bowl and Adhikari greeted the Maharashtra Captain with a four. Nimbalkar's innings, however, soon came to an end when he lifted Shinde near the on boundary and Pandit brought off a beautiful catch. (209-3-117).

Attendance had increased and the stands were almost full after lunch interval. Maharashtra resumed their attack with Rege. Adhikari sent up his individual 50. Both Adhikari and Hazare (Sr.) treated the Maharashtra bowling with scant respect and sent up three hundred of the innings when the game had been in progress for exactly four hours, Hazare registering his individual 50 compiled in 69 minutes. Adhikari took 215 minutes to collect his hundred which included eleven fours while Hazare (Sr.) was at the wicket for 144 minutes for his century with fourteen fours to his credit. V. M. Pandit was now tried for the first time but without success and the pair raised the innings' total to 400 in 335 minutes, Hazare now being 105 and Adhikari 116. When the teams came in for tea the score was 413 for three wickets.

When the game was resumed after tea Sohoni and Gazeli were in charge of the attack but the batsmen who were too well set completely mastered the attack and runs came in at a faster rate.

When Adhikari was 162 he was again dropped in the slips by Rege off Sohoni, with a four off Rege Hazare registered 503 of the innings in exactly 7 hours. When the stumps were drawn for the day the pair were together with a total of 512 for three wickets (Adhikari not out 164 and Hazare not out 162).

It is understood that Chandorker who tried to stop a hot return from Nimbalkar off his own bowling fractured the little finger of the left hand and will not be playing during the rest of the match.

SCORES:

BARODA (Second Innings)

V. N. Rajli l.b.w. Deodhar	58
R. B. Nimbalkar c Pandit b Shinde	117
Y. Sheikh st. Gokhale b Shinde	2
Adhikari (not out)	164
V. S. Hazare (Sr.) (not out)	162
Extras	14
(Total for 3 wickets)	512

SURAT TEACHERS TO GO ON FAST!

SURAT, Dec. 18.

The Primary Teachers Association, at a meeting today, decided unanimously to go on a 48-hours fast as a protest against the "gross injustice" of the Surat Municipality in the matter of their pay and dearness allowance. The date of the fast will be announced shortly.

About 400 primary teachers observed a 24-hours fast on December 30 on the same issue.

The meeting also decided to send a deputation to wait on the Adviser to the Governor of Bombay and the Director of Public Instruction, Bombay, and represent their grievances.—A. P.

A-I. STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

The All-India Students' Conference will be held on 30th, 31st instant and 1st January, 1945, at Dadar.

Babu Sampuranand has been requested to preside over the Conference and Smt. Kamaladevi has been requested to inaugurate it.

The Half-Column "By Dem"

A recent arrival to this City is John Gawsworth, one of the younger poets of England.

Gawsworth who is only 32, has probably produced more books (slim though some of them may be) pamphlets, tracts and publications of a varied character than, perhaps, any man of his age. His poetry is represented in 18 anthologies and his prose in four; many of his poems have been translated in French and Italian. He is the author of 17 volumes of verse and an editor of seventeen others; he has written nine biographical works and has edited twelve volumes of prose.

John Gawsworth has been serving in the Royal Air Force for four years. Of this period he has spent two years in England, a year in Italy, nine months in Algiers and Tunis and three in Cairo. Before joining the R.A.F. he edited "the English Digest" which he founded in July 1939. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and has been awarded the Society's Bensen medal.

Before arriving in this country Gawsworth has seen service in the North African, the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. He has had his share of front line-action with the desert Air Force.

Mr. Gawsworth intends to publish in India a small volume entitled *the London You Left*, primarily for British troops in India.

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Overheard at one of the Intellectual Clubs of India:

1st Member: "What is this ENSA?"

2nd. Member: "I think it is a Greek political party or something."

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W. I. S. C. A. QUALIFIES FOR SEMI-FINAL

Gujarat Beaten By 200 Runs

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18

W.I.S.C.A. won the match by 200 runs against Gujarat in the first round of the Western Zone of the Ranji Trophy Tournament. Gujarat second innings ended before lunch with 155 runs. Girdhari captured 5 wickets for 23 runs.

The score:—

GUJARAT—2ND INNINGS.

R G Hazare st Prataprai b Nyalchand	7
M S Balooch c Gandhi b Girdhari	15
K P Kesari not-out	22
Phiroze Khambatta l.b.w. Girdhari	7
B G Patel c and b Girdhari	1
U R Chippa st Prataprai b Girdhari	0
Jasu Patel st Prataprai b Girdhari	6
Extras	17
Total	155

W.I.S.C.A. thus qualified to meet Bombay in the first week of January at Bombay in the semi-final of the Western Zone of the Ranji Trophy.—A. P.

All-India Badminton

DAVINDAR MOHAN AND PRAKASH NATH QUALIFY FOR FINALS

All the events produced a great deal of excitement and thrill to the finishing point on Monday.

H. Ferreira, who had beat V. A. Madgavkar, failed to put up that grand display against Prakash Nath. He, however, gave a hard fight. But in the end he succumbed to Prakash Nath in the decider.

To the surprise of all Davindar scored a spectacular victory over the veteran G. Lewis. Davindar Mohan with his strenuous efforts snatched the first set. But the second one he found a child's play and scored at a stretch fourteen points. G. Lewis, the exponent of the game, could not do anything. He was completely outclassed. G. Lewis' defeat must be, perhaps, the first of this kind he ever met with.

The Mixed Doubles match between Miss Suman Deodhar and S. Bose v. Miss Sundar Deodhar and Prakash Nath ended in the triumph of the latter. The match was extended by S. Bose's superb effort and good assistance of Miss Suman. Their tooth and nail fight in the third set, to outwit the opponents almost took them within the ace of winning. But Prakash Nath and Miss Sunder Deodhar carried the day. Now they meet Mugwe and Mrs. Malhotra in the finals.

Scores:—

Popatlal beat Ramachandra 15—6; 15-4.

Prakash Nath beat H. Ferreira 15—6 15—7.

Davindar Mohan beat G. Lewis, 18—14, 15-1

S. V. Gupte and G. T. Limaye beat J. T. Ferreira and D. A. Ferreira 15—2; 15—0.

Miss Sunder Deodhar and Prakash Nath beat Miss Suman Deodhar and S. Bose 15—10; 16—18; 15—13.

INDIA'S FREEDOM AS ACID TEST

Grant Will Justify Principles For Which United Nations Stand, Says G. L. Mehta

NEW YORK, Dec. 18

The ex-President of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mr. G. L. Mehta, yesterday asserted that a representative national Indian Government alone could assure economic prosperity of India and stable conditions for a better world.

In a statement issued through the India League of America, Mr. Mehta declared, "Commercial interests of India as of other countries want stability, tranquillity and economic development. Such stable conditions are not possible without a national representative Government responsible to the Indian people."

He added, "We are convinced that there can be no ultimate economic salvation for India without substance of economic independence."

He also said, "The issue of India's status in the comity of nations is no merely a domestic issue of the British Empire. It is above all moral issue that goes to the very foundations of the new world order and it is the acid test of the principles for which the United Nations claim to fight."—Reuter.

Aga Khan Cold Shoulders Pakistan Move In Britain

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec 18

On behalf of a group of Muslims, in Britain, a Muslim barrister has written a letter to Mr. Jinnah and the Aga Khan asking their support for the formation of a branch of the Muslim League here, especially to popularise Pakistan.

On behalf of Mr. Jinnah, a letter recently reached London from the League Office at Calcutta saying that the objective was laudable and should be encouraged as Pakistan was the only salvation for India.

The Aga Khan, however, has refrained from encouraging such a move. It is learnt that on his behalf a letter had arrived from Switzerland early last week, saying that His Highness did not wish to associate himself with any partisan movement. It adds that owing to a long stay abroad His Highness is not acquainted with the more recent developments in India.

Moreover, His Highness is presently spending his time playing golf.

BREWERY ON SEA!

LONDON, Dec. 18.—There will be floating breweries in three ships which the Admiralty have released to go to the Far East for the entertainment of troops, reports the "Daily Express."

This will be specially equipped with brewery apparatus and will brew as they go. The scheme is partly due to the fact that there are not enough bottles and casks to supply the troops abroad.

Each ship will also have a large theatre, cinema, reading and writing rooms, cafetaria, shopping centre, bars and icecream and soda fountain. Each will have a permanent dance orchestra and may also have "resident" artists.

ENSA entertainers will also be flown out to give shows aboard, says the "Daily Express."—Reuter.

New Capital Of Orissa

PURI, Dec. 18.

The Orissa Government has it is understood, selected the ancient town of Bhuvaneswar as the new capital of the Province.

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TIMBER ENGINEERING IN INDIA

India's iron and steel resources are slender, and they will be strained to the utmost after the war. Timber will, therefore, play a large part in post-war house building and structural construction. While timber engineering is a big business in countries like the U.S.A. and Germany, except for some excellent major engineering structures put up by the engineers of Century Wood Industries, Bangalore, this industry is practically unborn in this country. The fact that the lightest highway bridge in the world of 100 ft. span of treated wood has been in successful service for 5, 1 2 years in Travancore and the largest span wooden roof trusses—viz., 130 ft. span—were put up over 5 years ago, by the Chief Engineer of Century Wood Industries, demonstrate the part that Indian wood can play in highway and foot bridges, factory, aeroplane hangars, and cinema construction in post-war period. India has some of the finest timbers in the world.

Although teak is the only durable wood, it is too expensive to compete with steel for structural purposes. Any of the other stronger Indian timber (of which we have dozens all over the country) can more successfully compete with steel and reinforced concrete provided two essentials are observed. Pressure impregnation of wood with the world's best wood preservative—ASCU—should be given for the permanent protection against white ants, fire and rot and the latest principles of timber engineering and design should be applied. In both these lines, Century Wood Industries, Bangalore, has done pioneer work and has more than two decades of research and practical experience at its disposal. The company's book, "Better and Cheaper Bridges" should be in the hands of all who are interested in inexpensive but efficient bridge construction for spans from 9 ft. to 70 ft. Timber engineering has a very important role to play in India and plans are afoot to place the services of Century Wood Industries, Bangalore, before the whole country with the extensive organisation, that such service requires. Those interested in post-war reconstruction would do well to obtain copies of "Better and Cheaper Bridges" and "Treated Timber Poles" for electrical overhead construction. The latter book is very necessary to schemes of hydro-electric generation of power.

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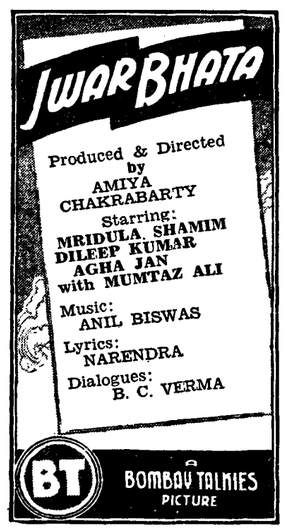

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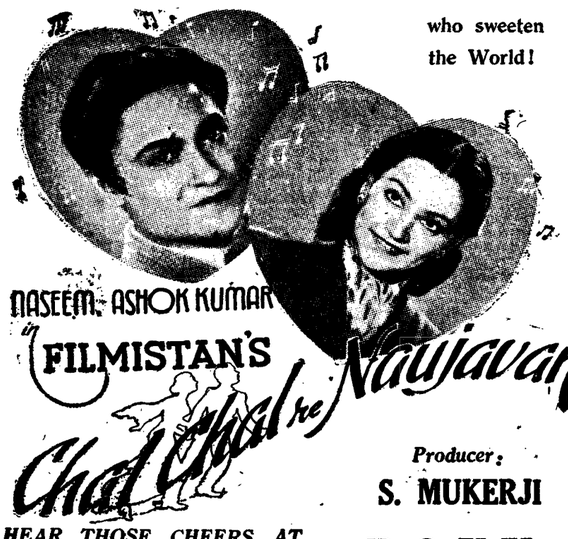

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To-day's Engagements

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY: Weekly Luncheon Meeting today (Tuesday) at 1-30 p m—GREEN'S HOTEL, Rotarian A. G. Vere will speak on "Public Utilities During War" Only Rotarians can attend.

BOMBAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: A gathering of the members of the Association today (Tuesday) at 5-30 p m (S T) at Anand Bhuvan Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road. There will be a short play, Garba, music and dance programme. A short account of the Resolutions passed in the Standing Committee Meeting (A I W C) held at Delhi will also be given, by Lady Rama Rau.

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting of the Society will be held at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, today (Tuesday) at 6 p m (S T) Mr. Sohrabji N. Kanga will lecture on the "Atash Nyaishn."

PUBLIC LECTURE: In the Moharrum series of lectures conducted under the auspices of the "Rahbar", Mr. K. Ahmed Abbas will speak on "The Women's Role in the Future of India" at 5-30 p m and Mrs. Kapila Khandwalla on "The Plight of Bengal" at 6-15 p m at the Municipal Marathi Central Schools, near Napoo Baug, Opp. Derby Talkies.

FREEDOM GROUP: Mr. Bhulabhai Desai to speak on "Political Reconstruction" today (Tuesday) at 6-30 p m at University Convocation Hall, Mr. N. T. Master to preside.

MAZDAZNAN CENTENARY CELEBRATION: Today (Tuesday) Mazdaznan Temple Opp. Churchgate Station in Bombay will celebrate Birth centenary of the Founder Dr. O. Z. Hanish. At 8-30 a m a Jashan ceremony will be performed. Dastur Bode will deliver a sermon. At 6-15 p m a special function will be held.

GOVIND SINGH BIRTH DAY: Under the auspices of the Khalsa College Union the birthday of Guru Govind Singh will be celebrated at 7 p m today (Tuesday) Mr. K. M. Munshi will preside. Speakers include Mr. K. A. Abbas of the "Bombay Chronicle," Mr. Sadique of "Al Hilal" and Mr. Jaswant Singh of the Khalsa College.

CIVIC COMPLAINTS: Municipal complaints about Sanitation, health, etc., will be received by the Tardeo Taluka Congress Samitee and Khetwadi Taluka Congress Samitee at their offices (1) Bhalchandra Building, 78, Sleater Road, Grant Road and (2) 10, Dubash Lane, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Girgaum respectively between 8 and 9 a m and 7 and 8 p m.

SRI GURU SINGH SABHA: The Sikhs assembled on 14th inst. in their weekly religious gathering, under the auspices of Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Bandra, resolved unanimously to condemn the attitude of the Bombay Government in refusing to allow the Sikhs to conduct Guru-ka-Langar (Guru's Free Kitchen) on their religious functions, even by individual ration contributions. As a protest against this ban, they further resolved to abandon the main programme (of lectures and procession) of Sunday the 17th inst. in celebration of Sri Guru Gobind Singh's Birth Anniversary already arranged. The proceedings will be concluded only with the Bhog ceremony of Guru Granth Sahib of Kirtan Asa-ki-Var.

Journalists' Association Of India

The annual general meeting of the members of the Association today (Tuesday) at 6 p m at the Association Hall, Prospect Chambers Annexe, Hornby Road, to consider the annual report and to elect office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee.

After the annual general meeting Dr. James Davies, representing "Collier's Weekly", will give an informal talk to the members of the Association on "Russia".

Bombay Committee For Kerala Medical Relief

Arrangements to start medical relief centres in the affected areas of Kerala were discussed at a meeting of the Kerala Distress Relief Committee, Bombay, with Mr. N. T. Master, Mayor, in the chair. A committee formed for the purpose co-opted Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, Miss Mridulaben Sarabai, Messrs. E. N. Menon, M. C. Menon and O. K. M. Nambiar as members. Mrs Vellodi was entrusted with the work of forming a sub-committee of ladies to accelerate the speed of collection.

All contributions may be sent either to the Mayor, or the Secretaries of the Committee at their office at Jehangir Wadia Building, 2nd Floor, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay.

DESTROY CANKER OF COMMUNALISM

Dhalla Says Disunity Due To Imperial Designs

"India may not be united, but she is certainly a nation in the making. We attribute our disunity to the 'divide-and-rule' policy of our rulers. If that is so once the disease is diagnosed the remedy is simple", thus observed Dr. Dastur M. N. Dhalla, High Priest of the Parsis in Sind and Baluchistan, speaking at an "At Home" given in his honour by the Freedom Group, at the Indian Merchants' Chamber, on Monday, afternoon, and asked "Why should we not struggle and strive to baffle and frustrate the attempts of the rulers?"

Continuing, the speaker said: "Shaukat Ali had said, I am a Muslim first and an Indian afterwards. Phirozeshah Mehta and I am an Indian first and a Parsi afterwards. There lay the fundamental difference. The chief enemy of India was communalism. This hydra of communalism India has to fight. Indians should think with the Sanskrit poet who sang, 'Motherland is even greater than Paradise'."

Earlier the Dasturji in a learned dissertation showed how India had been one from times immemorial.

OBJECT LESSON TO WORLD

Mr. Nagindas T Master, presiding over the function, endorsed the sentiments expressed by the guest of honour and remarked: "When unity shall come to be with us we shall march towards our goal of freedom and independence. India will then be an object lesson to all exploited peoples of the world."

ORIGIN OF FREEDOM GROUP

At the outset Prof. P. A. Wadia stated that the Freedom Group was conceived out of Mr. Amery's pronouncement that the Parsis were among the communities that needed protection from the British rulers. The founding of the group had given the lie to that statement. Parsis desired freedom of the country, both on ethical as well as grounds of expediency. The Freedom Group was not a communal body but was open to all who desired the independence of the country.

Car And Accessory Thieves Busy In City

A gang of car accessory thieves seems to have got busy in the city and has started operating on unwary motorists.

A ten Horse-Power Morris car, BMX 1093, which was left unattended by the owner in the compound of a bungalow in Colaba last night was removed by car thieves and taken to the North of the city.

The car was abandoned at Hornby Vellard after its valuable accessories had been removed.

The Agripada Police are inquiring into the matter. It is not ascertainable whether the engine of this blue limousine has also been tampered with by the miscreants.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Monday.

Sir Rustom Masani was elected President and Mr. Shantikumar Morarji, Vice-President of the newly constituted Bombay Suburban Social Service League. Messrs. B. G. Kher and Shewak Bhojrah were elected Joint Secretaries and Mr. Valkunth Mehta, the Treasurer.

Among the objects, for which the League was established, are working for the social amelioration of the inhabitants of the Bombay Suburban District, rendering medical aid or relief, and also aiming at the welfare of children.—United Press.

Mayor Welcomes New Municipal Commissioner

Mr. U. M. Mirchandani, new Municipal Commissioner, was welcomed by Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor, in the Municipal Corporation on Monday. Mr. Nagindas said Mr. Mirchandani had wide administrative experience in the Bombay Presidency and he hoped Mr. Mirchandani would be very helpful in thrashing out many vital questions affecting the Corporation such as water works, wages of the staff and the health of the city.

The Corporation then disposed of a number of items and adjourned.

Kher On Fact-Finding Tour Of Umbergaon Peta

DHANU, Dec. 18.—Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay, with workers of the Adiwasi Seva Sangh will tour the Umbergon Peta from to-morrow. This peta was affected by the Adiwasi peasants' strike last month. The tour is contemplated to study their grievances.

Dr. M. R. Jayakar will preside over the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Willingdon College, Sangli, on December 25.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR MILL WORKER

Sessions Jury Finds Him Guilty Of Murder

BOMBAY, Monday.

Ganpat Ramji, a mill worker was sentenced by Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha at the Criminal Sessions of the Bombay High Court to transportation for life on a charge of murder.

The accused was found "guilty" by the jury by a majority of six to three.

The accused, according to the prosecution is alleged to have stabbed Govind Sakharam, with whom he was on inimical terms on August 5 last. Gopal Rakhmaji and Atmaram Baboo, who were accused of having abetted the accused were acquitted. The jury found them unanimously "not guilty."

Mr. K. M. Talyarkhan with the Advocate-General appeared for the Crown. Mr. M. N. Talpade defended the accused.

3 New Members Of Bombay Bar Council

Mr. R. B. Mehta, Mr. A. T. Janai and Mr. H. K. Nathani have been declared elected to fill three vacancies on the Bombay Bar Council.

Eight candidates contested in the election which was held on Friday.

RATION OFFICE HOURS

For the convenience of the public, all Ward Rationing Offices in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District will, from December 24, remain open from 9 a.m. to 1-30 p.m on Sundays. They will be closed on Mondays. On all other days (including Saturday) the offices will be open from 10-30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a small staff working from 9 a. m to 10-30 a. m. for receiving applications from and issuing ration cards to new arrivals and for the deposit and release of deposited ration cards.

TARAPOREWALA AQUARIUM

Bombay is to have an aquarium at no distant date. This has been made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Vicaji D. B. Taraporewala, who have given Rs. 2,00,000 to the City of Bombay expressly for the purpose. The Government of Bombay has accepted the donation, and allotted a commanding plot of ground for aquarium on Marine Drive. The aquarium will be known as the "Taraporewala Aquarium and Marine Biological Station." The aquarium will have a fully-equipped laboratory.

GIRGAUM DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE

The Managing Council at its meeting held on 11th December co-opted Messrs. M. B. Vora and R. K. Hardikar on the Council and the following members were elected to form the Khetwadi Taluka Congress Samitee: Sjt. R. K. Hardikar, Chairman, Sjt. Rasik Kumar Choksi, Secretary, Sjt. M. D. Dandekar, Secretary, Sjt. Batuk Desai, Sjt. Anand S. Nadkarni, Sjt. Bhaskar S. Rege, Smt. Kamal P. Kamat, Smt. Sarla Mehta.

The office of the Taluka Congress Samitee is at 10, Dubash Lane, Girgaum, Bombay, and the office-hours are between 8 and 9 a.m. and 7 and 8 p.m. (N S.T.) except on Monday.

NEW YEAR EXHIBITION SALE OF HOME ARTS AND CRAFTS

Exhibition Sale of indigenous articles, including cloth at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, during Christmas from December 22 to January 2.

Entrance is free. Stalls can be secured from the Exhibition Society's office in the Central Bank Building, 3rd floor, Lift No. 4, Fort, Bombay. Telephone 27154.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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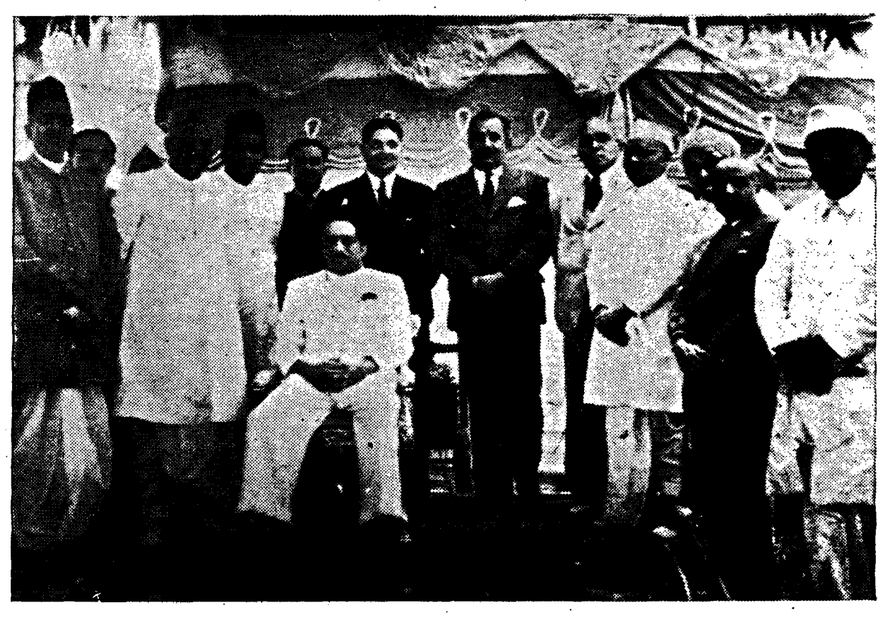

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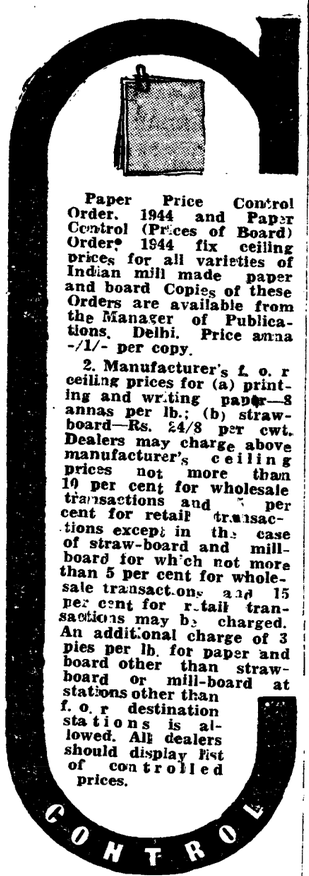

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POONA, Dec. 18.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is never too late for penitence and atonement.

—Charles Dickens.

The Bombay Chronicle

MOCKERY OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

A fiction which officialdom both in this country and in England has been seeking sedulously to propagate with a view to misled public opinion abroad is that a "national government" is already functioning in India and that, therefore, there is little justification for the demand voiced by a section of the Indian people for a "national government" being set up in place of the present Government. Among the latest to lend countenance to this propaganda is Lord Wavell himself, some of the portions of whose recent address to the Associated Chambers of Commerce were obviously meant more for audiences west of Suez, particularly those on the other side of the Atlantic, than for his Indian audience. Lord Wavell, thoroughbred Imperialist that he is, knows very well that he can afford to treat his audience in this country with little, if any, respect, but the public in his own country and in the United States of America, who are getting increasingly restive and critical of the doings of the British rulers of India have to be placated lest the criticisms become too bitter and opposition to the plans drawn up by officialdom become too open and determined.

It is the Viceroy's contention that because the Government of which he is the head is "preponderantly Indian" and it is engaged in doing "on the whole extremely well" an essential job of work, it is entitled to be regarded as a truly "National Government". His Excellency knows very well that in Nazi and Japanese occupied territories in Europe and Asia there have been set up governments members of which are preponderantly, if not wholly, native to the soil who, too, have been doing the war work assigned to them by their masters which the latter might well regard as extremely well satisfactory from their own point of view. Would His Excellency admit the claim of the Nazi and Japanese overlords that these Governments are entitled to be regarded as "national governments." The Nazis and Japanese have, indeed, been making this very claim repeatedly, with a view not only to beguile the peoples of territories occupied by them but also to mislead public opinion in Allied countries. The Allied propaganda machinery has been at great pains to counteract such a patently dishonest propaganda. It would serve no useful purpose, therefore, with either the Indian public or the public in Great Britain and America, to be told there is a genuinely "national government" functioning in this country at present and the public cry for a "National Government" in place of the existing one is a hollow one. Lord Wavell regards the existing members of his Executive Council who have been handpicked and nominated by him, with the most important portfolios reserved in the hands of Englishmen, as constituting a National Government evidently because it has the largest opposition of the nation. It is notorious that the Indian members of the Council are helpless between the pressure from, in most cases, an English Secretary below and an English Viceroy above. Apart however, from this aspect of the question, it would be a travesty of democracy to put forward the claim that any Government which is not responsible either to the legislature or to the people of the country can be regarded as a national government, and Lord Wavell, we are sure, will not contend that his Government, which derives its authority from the British Parliament and which is not responsible either to the Indian Legislature or the Indian people, has any claim to be regarded as truly "national," whatever political sychophantism in this country may say to the contrary. In England, the Government is national because it is English. In India the control is entirely foreign and the personnel is partly foreign. In England the Government is national because it commands an overwhelming majority in Parliament. In India the Government is not national because the Government has an overwhelming opposition of elected Indians and the only majority, which it has, is of non-Indian members of the Assembly whose very presence there is an anachronism and which is unknown anywhere in the world. When an Englishman does not want to do something, he pretends that he has already done it and expects the world to accept him at his own valuation. What a fiasco this state of mind, this blind spot, of Mr. Churchill, for instance, is creating in the world is now evident. Let therefore, His Excellency and other British statesmen who are anxious that the "good intentions" of the British Government should not be doubted by political India, refrain from trying to camouflage the unpleasant truth in the eyes of the world that the existing Government in this country is not a genuinely National Government but a mockery of it.

Back To "Power Politics"?

The Franco-Soviet Treaty, which was negotiated and concluded during General de Gaulle's visit to Moscow and the terms of which have just been published, follows closely the pattern of the Anglo-Soviet 20 year Treaty signed in 1941. In the situation that has developed since the liberation of so many countries from German domination or influence Article 5 achieves some importance beyond that of a theoretical corollary to any treaty of alliance between two parties. It underlines the reported opposition of M. Stalin to any system of zonal groupings as the countries of western Europe were credited with the plan of creating under the leadership of Britain. Such groupings are not conducive to the development of internationalism under the guiding idea of what may be described as "One World." And opposition to it is welcome so also is the basic conception of Article 5.

But are not all the great ideals of internationalism being threatened in practice by the Big Powers? What is happening in Greece and also the insistence of Russia supported later by Britain on, for instance, unilateral decisions regarding Poland and bypassing of the Atlantic Charter—it is immaterial that the Russian demand is generally just—lend sinister point to the revelations by the "Observer" of London of what are alleged to be decisions arrived at at Teheran. According to these revelations Europe has been mapped into zones in which Russia, Britain and the United States respectively will be the prevailing Powers. This certainly is a great historic partition treaty—and much more dangerous than any partition treaty in history. It implies subservience of the freedom of small countries to their particular Big protector—again, it is immaterial that such subservience may be beneficial. This is bad enough because it betrays the Atlantic Charter and the basic aims of the United Nations. Worse still it is a return to "power politics" which sooner or later leads to war. Unless statesmen of the Big Powers meet soon and revise their attitude the prospects for the world are the reverse of happy.

Frankly Speaking

Germans Strike Back

Field-Marshal von Rundstedt's counter-stroke is a disagreeable surprise in the sense that its strength, extent and fury were unexpected except, as we hope, by the Allied High Command. The offensive, we confess, evokes some admiration. Despite such hard pressure by no fewer than seven armies, including the Canadian, fast dwindling resources in men and material and terrific bombing by Anglo-American air forces of communications and factories, von Rundstedt has yet been able to strike hard at the invaders. He has chosen the centre of the Allied forces for his main stroke on a sector which was left in comparative strength, General Eisenhower having concentrated his forces to the north and south of it. This probably explains the rather rapid progress made by the Germans. The situation has yet to develop to enable a correct estimate to be made of the possibilities and consequences of the German counter-offensive.

Desperate Strategy

It will, of course, be defeated eventually. But if it is not checked quickly enough and has caught the Allied Supreme Command by surprise, it will become seriously troublesome and may well prolong the war in Europe by a good many months. But if the Allies are ready for it and succeed in smashing it before it has done much mischief it may well bring appreciably nearer the final military collapse of Germany. Von Rundstedt's may be good military strategy but it is a desperate strategy, which he himself admits when in his order of the day he calls on this troops to "give your all in one last effort." It is the last effort in front of the Rhine. If it fails, Rundstedt fails to prevent the Allies breaking through into Germany.

B. E. S. T.

It is to be hoped that the appeal which Mr. Abid Ali, President of the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union, has issued to the workers not to go on strike pending the consideration of the award of the Adjudicator by the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Union, will be heeded by the workers. Mr. Abid Ali has assured the workers that the Committee will carefully examine the Adjudicator's award and that the Committee's findings will be submitted to a general meeting of the Union for consideration and suitable action. Such a procedure is both constitutional and reasonable and should commend itself to all workers. In the meanwhile, the management of the B.E.S.T. have also a duty to perform, as pointed out by Mr. Abid Ali. They should assume a more conciliatory attitude towards the workers and cancel the dismissal orders served on workers, which smack of their victimisation for taking up the cause of the Union.

B. B. & C. I. Ry. Suburban Service

It is five days since the B. B. and C. I. Workshops strikers resumed work and yet the suburban service continues to be very inadequate and unsatisfactory, causing great hardship and inconvenience to thousands of passengers. There is no justification for this deplorable state of things. The B. B. and C. I. Railway authorities must not assume that because these passengers meekly put up with these hardships and inconvenience, they must themselves continue to be indifferent to their duty which is to bestir themselves and see that the suburban service is handled more efficiently than it has been hitherto.

Whitehall Needs Blood Transfusion, Says Homi Mody

"Nothing Short Of Tragedy If India Appeared In Tutelage State At Peace Table"

BOMBAY, Monday.

"Time is against us, and that if a solution is delayed too long, irreparable injury might be done to the vital interests of India", declared Sir Homi Mody referring to the political situation in India in his presidential address at the twelfth annual general meeting of the Employers' Federation of India today.

Sir Homi referred briefly to the war situation and expressed the hope that the contribution which India was making to the task of liberating the world would entitle her to an honoured place at the Peace Conference.

INDIAN DEADLOCK

Touching upon the present political stagnation in the country, Sir Homi emphasised that time was against us, and that if a solution of the communal problem was delayed too long, irreparable injury might be done to the vital interests of the country. It would be nothing short of a tragedy if India had to appear in a state of tutelage at the Peace Conference and was not able to speak through the voice of her accredited representatives.

Referring to the Viceroy's recent speech, Sir Homi stated that if India needed a faith cure, Whitehall would appear to need a blood transfusion!

PROBLEM OF PLANNING

Sir Homi next dealt with the question of planning, and with the fundamental issue of the State versus private enterprise involved in it. Since the 10,000-crore plan had been published, it would appear as if a regular competition had set in, in which the aim of some of the participants was to outclass and outdistance the original planners. Sir Homi maintained that admiration of the heroic achievements of Russia must not hustle this country into an unquestioning acceptance of State control and regimentation of the economic life of the people. He agreed with the views of Mr. Geoffrey Crowther of the 'Economist' that a wholly planned economy was incompatible with any degree of political freedom. Sir Homi's own view was that the doctrine of economic 'laissez faire' could have no place in the world of to-morrow and that a certain measure of State regulation was inevitable; but if the vast industrial expansion of the country was to become an accomplished fact, the organising power of the State should be employed only as an aid and corrective to private enterprise, and not for the purpose of an overriding control.

Sir Homi next turned to the economic situation in the country and severely condemned the activities of a section of the people whose one business in life appeared to be to keep on devising ways and means of defeating controls, regardless of the sufferings of the poor and the lower middle classes.

After referring to the various Labour measures, Sir Homi turned to the deliberations of the Philadelphia Conference and urged that the idea of holding an Asiatic Regional Conference which had been accepted be now seriously taken up.

PERMANENT TARIFF BOARD

Sir Homi welcomed the statement of the Member for Planning and Development indicating the possibility of the establishment of a permanent Tariff Board on a very high level, and he threw out the suggestion that the Government of India might negotiate with His Majesty's Government for taking over bodily plants which are likely to be discarded in the United Kingdom after the war, because they would be surplus to peacetime requirements, such as those engaged in the manufacture of shipbuilding, aircraft, automobiles and machine tools. India had no time to lose in establishing these basic industries, he concluded.

SIR NESS'S WARNING

Sir Ness Wadia said it was essential that India should prepare from now on to meet the keen industrial competition from Britain and America after the war.

Sir Victor Sassoon said he was in favour of a National Government for India. "I consider this Government necessary," he said, "because India will not be able to progress without a large-scale social revolution and this revolution cannot come without a National Government.

Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee said that if India was to survive the industrial competition after the war, it would be necessary to raise labour efficiency in the country.

Sir Homi Mody was re-elected President of the Employers' Federation for the ensuing year.

IDEALS OF A PLANNED LIFE

Prof. Wadia Says There Can Be No Planning Without Nationalisation Of Industry

BOMBAY, Monday.

Delivering the first lecture in the series on 'India and the New World Order' at the Convocation Hall this evening, Prof. P. A. Wadia spoke on 'A Planned Life' and said that those who were planning economic institutions alone would soon face the disillusionment as was the lot of planners of political institutions exclusively a century ago.

Proceeding, Prof. Wadia said the industrialists talk of a National Government as a prerequisite of planning. But what sort of a National Government you want—a National Government as a soft corner for the propertied interests he asked, and said that alliance of the National Government with capitalists was Fascism and Indians seem to be in for that. Planning under a National Government was the last effort of capitalism to save itself. Had they not burnt their fingers during the last two or three years of death by starvation in Bengal and all-in black markets by allying ourselves with the capitalists.

NATIONALISE BANKING

Continuing Prof. Wadia said that they could not have planning if they acknowledged private enterprise. They must have nationalisation of banking as the first tenet of planning, rolling onwards then to planning of all transport services and the key industries.

Dealing with the implications of planning with special reference to the organic unity of national life, Prof. Wadia said that while holding fast the objective of planning they must avoid the idol-worship of words and institutional conceptions because ultimately, it was the life capable of living that matters. Planning whether for individual or for national ends, could not be compartmental but must be in tune with the organic unity of human life and the soil.

Mr. B. G. Kher who presided said that he saw no better plan than the one put forward by Mahatma Gandhi standing as it was for non-possession, dignity of labour and suitability to the genius of our people.

The lecture series is arranged under the auspices of the Freedom Group and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai will speak to-day (Tuesday) on 'Political Reconstruction' at 6-30 p.m. in the Convocation Hall.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

ATHENS, Dec. 17.

Brigadier-General P. L. Sadler in charge of American relief in Greece stated to-day that American personnel in Greece were concerned with relief and rehabilitation and were not authorised to participate directly or indirectly in the operational phase. Except in emergency cases they had been ordered off the streets.

"American personnel have been instructed to refrain from any action which could possibly be interpreted as intervention in Greek political affairs," said Brigadier-General Sadler

—Athens Message.

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According to Captain John Dugdale, a Labour M. P., "the problem of India will never be solved while Mr. Churchill is Prime Minister."

And will be shelved when Labour is in office.

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Mr. James Walker who, at the British Labour Party Conference defended Government's policy and attacked the Congress and Indian leaders, on behalf of the Labour Executive is reported to have declared that Comrade M. N. Roy's Radical Democratic Party was a real party of workers akin to the British Labour Party.

So Mr. Attlee also received from the Exchequer a subsidy of, say, 15,000 pounds? We didn't imagine it but obviously the spokesman of the Executive knows better.

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It is announced from Athens that Indian troops who were attacked by ELAS in Western Greece have been evacuated by sea.

We do not welcome the report heartily and express our sense of relief because we don't know how our sensitive Defence of India Rules would react to such expressions.

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A crowd of several thousands gathered in London's Trafalgar Square for a "Hands Off Greece" demonstration, according to a London message.

And they carried the programme through, there presumably being no District Magistrate or Police Commissioner to ban it.

Administration of Law and Order in London—and in wartime too—seems to be very inefficient.

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Among the banners in evidence at the demonstration one actually proclaimed "Churchill says the EAM are Rebels but We Say They are Heroes."

Whatever the truth about EAM and Churchill, such subversive defiance of authority with a war on demands immediate action. Churchill must urgently call in Lord Linlithgow and Sir Reginald Maxwell who happily are on or very near the spot, to suppress this open rebellion.

He should also summon Sir Richard Tottenham in order subsequently to enlighten the world.

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Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru has acknowledged Mr. Jinnah's letter with the remark that it was received a day after its publication in Delhi.

We do hope Dr. Sapru doesn't expect Qaid-e-Azam Jinnah to express regrets?

In fact, Dr. Sapru ought to convey his gratitude that he was so thoughtfully prepared in advance for what was coming.

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Atlantic Charter Buried Fathoms Deep

—Headline

Naturally. Do we suppose it should have been interred in a grave or cremated? After all why else was it signed on the high seas and named after an Ocean?

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Bachelors are women's rights and widowers are women's lefts.

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It's too much to expect an all-'round politician to be exactly square.

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If a man is cowardly he quotes "Discretion is the better part of valor."

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The effect of a mule's kick does not depend upon the soundness of his brain.

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Even if a man isn't well up in the social scale he dislikes being cut by his barber.

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If some men had to work in order to obtain a living they wouldn't live very long.

PRINCES CHAMBER CRISIS

From A Correspondent

The resignation of the members of the Standing Committee of the Princes Chamber and the postponement of the annual session of the latter have created a situation unprecedented in the history of the relations of the Princes with the Paramount Power. The issues that emerge from the conflict between the two parties are (1) Merger of very small States, (2) Grouping of small States which are not by themselves financially adequate administrative units, (3) Treaty Rights by themselves and as part of (1) and (2) and (4) Industrial Development.

Though the Viceroy's letter to the Chancellor of the Princes Chamber has somehow found publicity, both parties are evidently treating the controversy as a family affair as if India as a whole was not interested. Both the Princes and the Crown Representative should concede in honesty that India is deeply concerned in the matter in so far as it affects the political future of the country. From all accounts it appears that the Princes, while agreeing in principle to the merger scheme—and it may be noted that the first 20 of roughly 600 and odd States account for 80 per cent of the area, population and revenue of all States—object to the method adopted in carrying it through. They contend that the scheme should have been implemented not through an Act of Parliament but through negotiations on the basis of their engagements, sanads and treaties. In fact, the Princes demand that in this and other matters vital to their interests, the decisions should be not unilateral but bilateral, that whatever the decisions they should be arrived at after due consultation between the two parties.

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As to the question of grouping of small States it may be that the Princes believe that these small States with a revenue of ten to fifteen lacs are not financially in a position to provide efficient administration of a modern type and, therefore, the proposed grouping of small States will not be in their interest if they are to survive. In which case the mentality can only be fit for reprobation. Or, alternatively, it may be that the Princes realise the force of changing times and see also the necessity of adapting themselves to these conditions, that, in other words, they agree to grouping so that what each cannot do separately, it might, as a part of group, provide for, but they demur to the method adopted for bringing this about and for the subsequent working of the scheme.

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As regards the Treaties if the Princes take the stand that the Treaties are immutable like the Laws of Persians and the Medes and cannot be changed, it can be unhesitatingly characterised as unreasonable and unpatriotic with which one can have no sympathy. But discussing this point, one is on firmer ground because we have the history of the Round Table Conference and the attitude of the Princes to draw upon. The second alternative in that background may be that the Princes realise that these treaties cannot be changed but they take the stand that such changes should be the result of negotiations and, as it was stated by their representatives, in the interest of the common good of India and for such measures as might be essential for the establishment of a real Indian Federation in which the States and British India will be equal partners and in which such powers as they have surrendered would be exercised jointly by British India and the States. In the context of Indian Federation, with States and British India as equal partners free in the expression of their opinion, there can be no place for the vague quantum of rights which go to make up what is known as Paramountcy. If the alternative surmise has any foundation in fact, then one can have no hesitation in stating that in this sense and to this extent no fair-minded person would have any objection but, as has been stated, it is very difficult in the absence of authoritative statement from either party to draw any conclusion or to form any opinion as to the situation created.

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Dealing with the last issue, industrial development, it is extremely difficult to form any opinion with the vague and meagre data available to the public so far. If the Princes desire the industrial development of the States so as to give, with the consent and the approval of the Government of India, an unfair advantage to the industrial concerns on the States over those in British India, it is a position to which nobody outside the Princes' Chamber would agree. But it may be that the States which, with very few exceptions, are industrially undeveloped and that since they must find the money for the increasing demands for providing social service and nation-building departments without which they would have no 'raison d'etre', they want some measure of special treatment for some time with the definite and clear understanding that, after the lapse of that period, they would give up the special concession.

This special treatment for a period would be in regard to acquisition of machinery and other relevant matters in order that they might not be swamped by the better developed units of India. It would be a demand for protecting the weak and helping it to become equally strong. Such a scheme would fit in it, with the necessary implications, with joint industrial planning for India.

Public Libraries In Bombay

It was in 1939 that the Government of Bombay appointed a committee for the purpose of exploring the possibilities of the establishment of a Provincial Central Library in Bombay along with three regional Libraries at Poona, Dharwar and Ahmedabad. The Committee, in its report, submitted in 1940 made a number of suggestions and recommendations keeping the complicated question of financial responsibility in view. The scheme suggested was of progressive gradation. It seems somehow no progress has been made towards realization of the object. It is now imperative that the authorities concerned should move immediately in the matter, as the scheme envisages "the growth of a network of libraries spreading to district towns, small towns, larger and smaller villages." The Committee also reported that 'there is plenty of enthusiasm for and goodwill towards the movement and it is hoped that this goodwill translated into action will produce good results.

It is rather puzzling as to how the Bombay Municipality expressed doubt at the utility of the Central Library. It seems that the Municipality has not realized the hardships of the public, in matter of libraries and reading rooms. It need not be emphasised that such a library is long-needed and its absence much-felt in the city which claims to be 'Urbs Prima in Indis.' It is also desirable that Bombay should follow the example of Ahmedabad in starting a Municipal Library. In view of increasing population, plethora of readers and absence of adequate libraries, these should be a chain of libraries and reading rooms in suburbs also.

KANTILAL D. KORA.

GANDHIJI'S ADVICE TO ASSAMESE

"Fight Settlement Policy Non-Violently Or Violently, If Necessary"

GAUHATI, Dec. 18

The 'United Press' learns that no letters have passed between Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, ex-Premier of Assam, on the subject of the land development policy of the Government of Assam and the immigration problem, as suggested in a New Delhi report.

Mr. Bardoloi, however, told the 'United Press' that in view of the seriousness of the problems as a result of the Assam Government policy on the matter vitally affecting the province, this matter was referred to Mahatma Gandhi in July last when two Congressmen of Assam were sent to Panchgani. Gandhiji in the course of a message to the Assamese people said, "If the people feel that the present policy of the Government on settlement and immigration is oppressive and anti-national, let them fight it non-violently or violently, if necessary."

"The matter has reached such a stage," said Mr. Bardoloi, "that we felt the necessity of attending the recent Assembly session in order to register our protest and see if the Government could be prevailed upon to abandon the said policy, and if possible to arrive at some decision which may not be detrimental to the Assamese."

At the instance of the Assam Government a conference was held at Shillong on Saturday to discuss the land settlement policy in the province. Sir M. Saadulla, Premier, presided.

It was agreed that the present line system should be abolished and replaced by a planned settlement system. It was also decided to settle the land with those immigrants who had entered the province before January 1, 1938. Thirty per cent of the waste land would be reserved for the indigenous people and the rest distributed among the landless, both indigenous and immigrant.

The Conference was attended, among others, by Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, leader of the Congress Party, and Mr. Abdul Ahmid Khan, President of the Assam Muslim League.

AHMEDABAD EDITOR'S REVISION APPEAL

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Divatia and Mr. Justice Lokur)

Nandlal C. Bodiwalla, Editor, Printer and Publisher of the "Sandesh" a daily newspaper of Ahmedabad ... Petitioner.

v.

Imperator ... Opponent.

Their Lordships issued a Rule in this Revision Application from the order of the Additional District Magistrate of Ahmedabad dated January 25, 1944, under Rule 40 of the Defence of India Rules prohibiting the publication of a special issue of the petitioner's paper "Sandesh" on the following day in connection with the celebration of "Independence Day". As a result of this order the City Police of Ahmedabad early next morning attached 485 out of the 490 copies being printed at the petitioner's press.

The petitioner thereupon applied to the Sessions Court for quashing the Order of the District Magistrate, contending that no such special issue was in existence and the District Magistrate had no jurisdiction to issue the prohibitory order and that the copies seized by the police contained no prejudicial report. The Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad made a reference to the High Court but Mr. Justice Macklin and Mr. Justice Sen had made no order on the Reference. The petitioner now approached the High Court in Revision for calling for the record of the Sessions Judge and quashing the order of the District Magistrate.

Their Lordships issued a Rule and the matter will now come up for hearing in due course.

Mr. J. C. Shah with Mr. N. C. Shah appeared for the petitioner.

B. E. S. T. WORKERS TO POSTPONE STRIKE

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

Mr. Abid Ali, President of the B. E. S. T. Workers Union on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Union has issued a statement appealing to the workers not to go on strike on Tuesday December 19.

Mr. Abid Ali says that a committee has been appointed by the Executive Committee to consider the award of the Adjudicator and submit a Memorandum for being circulated amongst the workers explaining the decisions of the Adjudicator with regard to the various demands of the workers. Thereafter a general meeting of the Union will be held to consider the award.

All the workers of the B.E.S.T. the statement says, are requested not to take any hasty action.

Mr. Abid Ali also requests the Management of the B.E.S.T. to change their attitude towards the workers and to cancel the dismissal orders of such of the workers who have been victimised for helping the Union.

"It is necessary" he says "to set up a policy of conciliation and adjustment so as to make it possible for the Union to ensure harmonious relations between the Company and its employees and facilitate smooth working."—A. P.

TEXTILE CONTROL

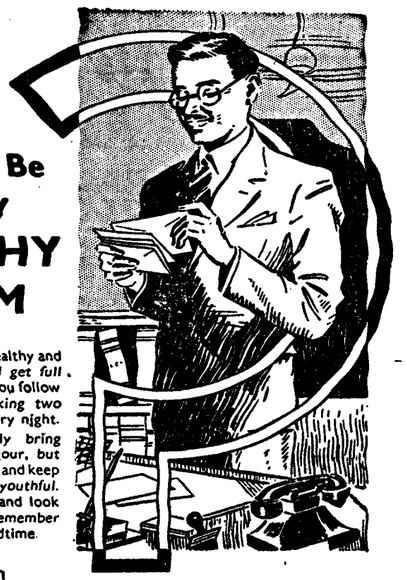
WARNING TO ALL DEALERS

In Notification No. T. B. (1) 29/44 in the Gazette of India of the 4th November 1944 Clause 14 of the Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order, 1943, has been amended After 31st December 1944 it will be an offence under the Order for any dealer to buy, sell or hold any cloth or yarn manufactured in India and packed before the 1st August 1943, or texmarked cloth or yarn packed after the 31st July 1943 and before the 1st January 1944.

Any cloth or yarn whether manufactured in India or imported must in future be finally disposed of within twelve months from the last date of the month marked on the goods; such cloth or yarn may not be kept in unopened bales after six months from that date. The amendment further states that a bale or case shall be deemed to be unopened if the hoops or other bindings and all other outer covering have not been removed.

All dealers are warned that no extension will be given by the Textile Commissioner in the time for disposal stated above unless the holder can show that he was unable to dispose of the goods due to causes entirely beyond his control. Dealers who contravene the above provisions will render themselves liable to cancellation of their dealer's licence and to prosecution, and Courts are empowered to confiscate the goods in respect of which the offence is committed.

M. K. VELLODI
Textile Commissioner,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.



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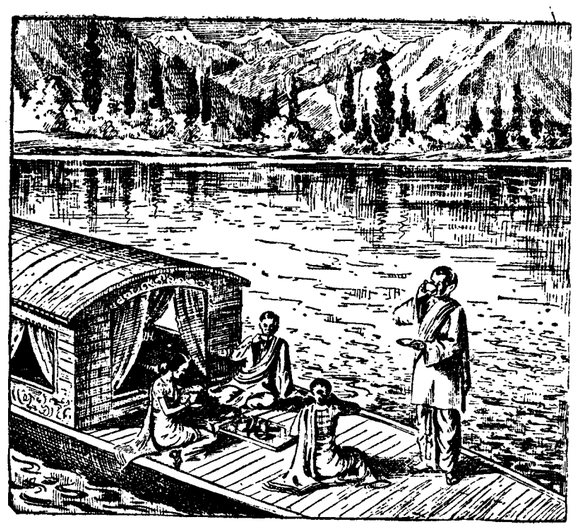

Tea Time— Under the *Chenar*

River, forests and lakes in which the snow-capped mountains are reflected form the background to the beauty of Kashmir. The house-boats which drift on the waters of the Valley are also made lovely with intricate wooden panelling and carved furniture.

Those who have the luck to enjoy a lazy holiday in Kashmir look forward to the hour of afternoon tea, late though it may come after a walk by the river-side.

Many house-boats are equipped with brightly coloured tea-services of Kashmir Pottery and tea is served in the Western style, adding milk and sugar in the cup.

Holiday-makers from all over India get fresh Brooke Bond tea here just as they would at home.

Brooke Bond

"Two Leaves and a Bud"

ITALIAN WAR PRISONERS ESCAPE

Nearly Half Recaptured By Authorities In Scotland

GLASGOW, Dec. 17.

Nearly 100 Italian prisoners of war escaped during the week-end from the camp near Ayr in south-west Scotland. By to-night nearly half have been recaptured. They had escaped by tunnelling. The camp is reputed to accommodate only Fascist prisoners, a number of whom are described as of a truculent type.—Reuter

SAPRU ACKNOWLEDGES JINNAH'S NEGATIVE REPLY

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 17.

The following letter has been issued to the press by *Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru*, Chairman of the Conciliation Committee which he has written to Mr. *Jinnah in reply to his letter* expressing inability to meet Sir Tej on behalf of the Conciliation Committee :

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 17.

"Dear Mr. Jinnah,

This is simply to acknowledge your letter of the 14th of December which I received yesterday (16th) evening. One day prior to the receipt of your letter, i.e., on the 15th I had heard from some press correspondents here that my letter and your letter had been issued to the press and your letter only confirms what I had heard already before its arrival.

I note that you are unable to see me on behalf of the Non-Party Conference or the Committee which has been appointed by it.

I presume you will have no objection to my issuing this letter to the press.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) TEJ BAHADUR SAPRU."

—A. P.

MUSLIM MAJLIS IN PUNJAB

LAHORE, Dec. 18.

The 'United Press' learns that arrangements are being made by some prominent nationalist Muslims to form the Provincial Muslim Majlis in the Punjab. A meeting in this connection is being convened shortly and invitations will be extended to prominent nationalist Muslims.—United Press.

SIR LEONARD STONE AT RATNAGIRI

RATNAGIRI, Dec. 18.

Sir Leonard Stone, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, arrived here to-day by a special steamer. He was received by the District Judge. The District Police provided a "Guard of Honour."

The Chief Justice visited the prison, the mental hospital, the school of industry and the local courts.—A. P.

PANDHARPUR STUDENT REFUSED 'B' CLASS

PANDHARPUR, Dec. 18.

It is understood that the Government of Bombay have refused to grant 'B' class to Mr. Rajabhan Hargas, a local student who was convicted and sentenced to four years' imprisonment on a charge of arson during the 1942 disturbances. Messrs. Chhannusingh and V. I. Bhut, detenus, have also been refused "A" class for which an appeal was made by the citizens of the Sholapur district.—A.P.

RAIL TRANSPORT POSITION EASED

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.—Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, Government of India, interviewed by an Associated Press representative before his return to Delhi, said that the rail transport position had been slightly easier in recent months largely owing to a reduced demand for wagons for coal loading. But with an increased demand for wagons for coal, sugar cane and other commodities coupled with heavy military demands he expected that the transport position would be very stringent during the next few months and would require energetic handling.—A.P.

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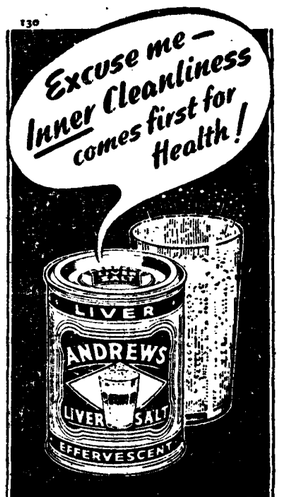
Excuse me— Inner Cleanliness comes first for Health!



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Smart Rise In Cotton Prices

GOLD & SILVER DISPLAY ACTIVE BUYING

Share Quotations Marked Up

BOMBAY, December 18.

There was a general rush of buyers in all city markets. Gold, Silver, cotton and shares all advanced and general feeling *was bullish.*

There was improved buying in share bazar and all popular shares recorded improvement. Tata Steel Defds. gained Rs. 18/- Ordinary Rs. 7/-.Bombay Dyeing Rs. 15/- Kohinoor Rs. 11/- Swadeshi Rs. 15/- Bombay Burmas and Associated Cements Rs. 3/- at Rs.246/12.

Cotton market had impressive rise. There was considerable *covering which raised March to Rs. 450/-.*

Inflation buying persists in both Gold and Silver and *quotations are gaining ground to higher levels as bulls holding* firmly their stocks.

The Share Bazar was fairly steady with a moderate business. It appears that the market anticipates steady expansion in note circulation and it remains to be seen what new measures will be taken to fight inflationary effects. *Tata Steel Dfd. Shares* opened to-day at Rs. 2,272 and improved to Rs. 2,275. At this level there appeared important selling and reacted to Rs. 2,255 but steadied at Rs. 2,260. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 407 and after improving to Rs. 410. Steadied at Rs. 408. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1,860 and quietened at *Rs. 1,855.* Kohinoor Shares enjoy special popularity which opened at Rs. 622 and improved to Rs. 625. Associated Cement Shares were quoted at Rs. 245

Later on there was renewed support and Steel Shares improved. In view of holidays the market is not likely to make any important change. The Share Bazar will remain closed at 1-30 p.m. on Friday, the 22nd till 2 p.m. Tuesday, 2nd January 1945.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTION ON SHARES

MILLS
Apollo 4/5 4/3/6 4/5 4/4/6
Bharat 65/4
Bombay Dyeing 1860 45 43/12 50 47/8 57/8 52/8 57/8 50 61/4 57/8 60
Central India Ord 417 12 14/8 12 14/8 13 17
Colaba 231 30 32/8 34 33 39 35
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Elphinstone Pref 126/4 27/8
Finlay 314 15 11 13/8 12 13/8 11/8 14
Gokak 315 13 14/8 13/8 14 13 15
India, United Defd 3/4 3/3/6 3/4/6
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Khatau 358/2
Kohinoor 624 19 26 24 26 30 29
Morarjee 705 700 705
Madhusudan 445 55
Meyer 224/6 22/8 25 24/6
Model 260 62/8 60 61/4
New City 397/8
New Great 415 16 11 15 12 18 17 18
Sassoon Silk 92
Sassoon Cotton 23
Simplex 278 75/8 77/8 75 76/8 74/8 77/8
Swadeshi 574 71 72 68 70 68 70 69 74
Swan 327 26 28/8 26/8 30 28
Tata Mill 71/8 72/8 70/12 71/8
Vishnu Cotton 482/8
Ahmedabad Prantej Rly 757/8

BANKS
Baroda 137 38/8
Central 83/4
Habib 79/8
Imperial Old 2017/8
Imperial New 502/8
India 191-92
International 56/8
Reserve 134/8 24
Union 9/10 9/9

ELECTRIC
Ahmedabad 223/12
Andhra Ord 1795 1800
Tramways Ord 150 50/8
Tramways Pref 71/4 71/8
Tata Hydro 207/8
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INSURANCE
Jupiter 33
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Tata 2nd Pref 163/8 64 63/12

MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock 451/4 50
Associated Cement 243/4 46 45 47 46/12
Belapur 236 35 36 34 35
Burma Old 492/8 505 2/8 5 2/8 (Ex. Div)
Burma New 175 (Ex Div)
British B. Petrol 3/15/3 3/14/6 3/15
Indian Bleaching 178 85
I. I. Trust 125
Port Canning 111/4
Premier Construction Ord 212 12/8 11/8 12
Premier Construction 1st Pref 141
Shivrajpur 59/8
Tata Chemical 21/4 20/12
Tata Oil 74
Western India Match 310
Luxmi Cotton Pref 305
Coorla Mill 212/8
Berar Mfg 337/8
Supreme Industries Ord 205

Gold & Silver

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 128/9 and 75,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 68/9. The local market was firm with general extensive buying and the aim to stabilise prices remains challenged Professional operators are holding large stocks. The forward Silver market opened to-day at Rs. 128/12 and quickly rose to Rs. 130 on general buying and later steadied at Rs. 129/12. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 68/12 and after declining to Rs. 68/8 advanced to Rs. 69/8 and steadied at Rs. 69/4. Inflation ideals are at work but we believe present prices are high enough.

Later on there was heavy buying and offerings being limited prices were marked up. Closing quotations were Ready Silver Rs. 132/7, Settlement Rs. 132/4. Ready Gold Rs. 70/9, *Settlement Rs. 70/6. Sovereigns Rs.* 48/6.

Bombay Cotton

The market was firm to-day as anticipated and further rise in Gold and Silver prices induced general buying. Cotton prices are very attractive and in view of improved statistical outlook there is more disposition to buy. The market opened to-day at Rs. 436/8 and advanced to Rs. 440/8. At this level the rise was checked by some realising and March reacted to Rs. 439/8.

Later on there was impressive buying and March advanced to Rs. 445/8 for March.

There was heavy short covering and buying by option dealers which raised March to Rs. 446/8. At this level the rise was checked by bull liquidation and price reacted to Rs. 444. There was a renewed out burst of buying and March rose to Rs. 450/8. The market reacted to Rs. 447/8 but again improved to Rs. 450. The rise was mainly due to covering by frightened bears. The tone was impressive and closing quotations were as under :

ICC March	448 12 0
ICC May	457 12 0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tata Ordinary 410, Tata Deferred 2267/8, Indian Iron 40/10, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 33/4, Bombay Dyeing 1860, Central India 416/4, Century 845, Gokak 315, Kohinoor 628/12, Simplex 277/8, Andhra Valley 1800, Tata Hydro 208/2, Tata Power 1890. Associated Cement 246/12, Belapur 235/10, Bombay Burma (Old) X.D. 502/8.

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton March contract is 512 points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	Hi.	Lo.	Clo.
I.C.C. March	434	430/8	433/8
I.C.C. May	443	441	442/4
Karachi March	43/14/3	43/10	43/12/6

Produce Market

The produce market was fairly steady with a moderate business. Groundnuts after touching Rs. 14/8 improved to Rs. 14/8. Khandesh quality stood at Rs. 14 and Bombay bold groundnuts were quoted at Rs. 13/8. Castorseeds Ready were placed at Rs. 15/12 and January-March was quoted at Rs. 15/2. Linseed C. P. and U. P. was quoted at Rs. 10/6 and Mogli Linseed was placed at Rs. 14/1.

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Banks buy T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 1/8

LDN/NEW YORK. Cross Rates dol. 4.02-1/2/3-1/2

Banks sell T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4

Banks buy T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs 327

LDN/MONTREAL dol. 4.43/47

Banks sell T T Rs. 302 1/2, D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buy T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 1/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Dull

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money :—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c, 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone :—Very Easy.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE.

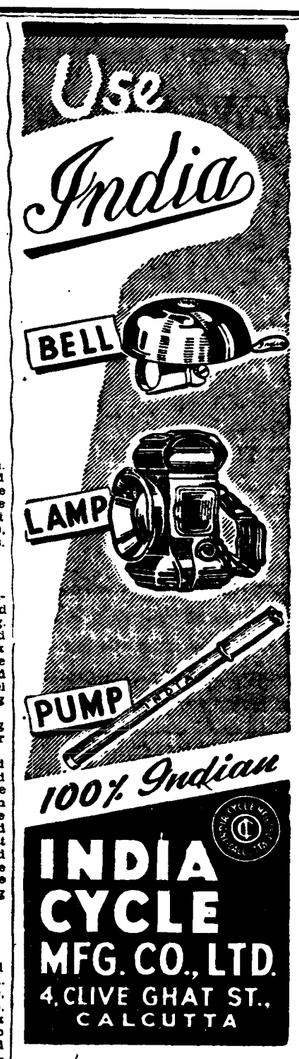
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.

Trading was largely routine reflecting uncertainties over the expected lend-lease purchases in the open market and possible changes in Government cotton policy after the recent Washington Conference. Changes for early Congressional consideration are fading with no legislative action expected this month. Trade experts in various leading spot markets believe that one-third of this crop will go to Government and by next Spring mills will be forced to go to Government to obtain their supplies. Some improvement in demand was reported for actuals, while it is understood that now big military buying of cotton goods is in the offing. Latterly the market eased under the leadership of distant deliveries in sympathy with grains.

U. S. A. COTTON CONSUMPTION.

Consumption of lint during November 337,000 bales.

Cotton opened quiet, one point down to one point up. The market held steady, but was a featureless routine end of the week affair with trading confined principally to scattered trade buying and price-fixing versus hedges. The relative firmness of October was attributed to covering by recent sellers. The market closed steady, five points lower to ten points higher



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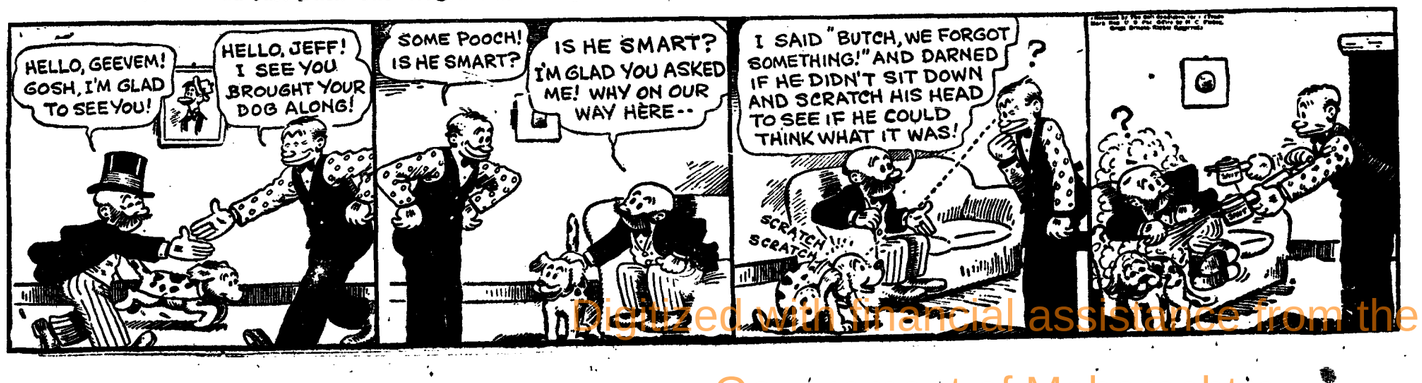
MUTT AND JEFF—And Just Then The Wagon Backed Up And Took Them All Away — By BUD FISHER


HELLO, GEEVEM! GOSH, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!
HELLO, JEFF! I SEE YOU BROUGHT YOUR DOG ALONG!
SOME POOCH! IS HE SMART?
IS HE SMART? I'M GLAD YOU ASKED ME! WHY ON OUR WAY HERE--
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Wanted experienced persons with high Indian or foreign University qualifications for preparing educational materials and teaching children in the following subjects: (1) Physics and Chemistry, (2) Biological Sciences, (3) Geography-Geology, (4) Mathematics, (5) History and Social Sciences, *(6) English, (7) Sanskrit, (8)* Gujarati. Salary according to qualifications. Apply with full particulars to Mrs. Manorama Sarabhai, The Retreat, Shahibag P. O. Ahmedabad. 1436

Applications are invited from Graduates, Intermediates and *Matriculates for clerical posts in* the Factory Accounts Offices. Pay:—(1) Graduates and Intermediates Rs. 62 per month in the time scale of Rs. 45-5-50-4-70-5-150 plus Dearness Allowance as admissible. (2) Matriculates—Rs. 50 per month in the time scale of Rs. 36-2-60-2-70 plus Dearness Allowance as admissible. Age between 17-28 years. Apply to the Chief Controller of Factory Accounts, 9, Central Avenue, Calcutta. 1437

Wanted Competent Assistant for Laundry. Must have experience of marking, sorting bundling etc.—Apply immediately A1 Laundry, Proctor Road, Grant Road, Bombay. 1111

Applications are invited for the temporary post of a Cost Accountant in the scale Rs. 175-15-400 plus the usual Dearness Allowance. Applicants should preferably be Registered Accountants with practical experience of costing. The post is likely to last for the duration of war. Applications with copies of certificates and testimonials should be addressed to the Deputy Financial Adviser, Supply Finance, Reserve Bank Building, Bombay, and should reach him on or before Saturday the 6th January, 1945. (1442)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED by the Chief Medical Officer, Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd. Jamshedpur, for the post of Dental Mechanic with knowledge of Gold work on Rs. 60/- per month plus Profit Sharing Bonus which has averaged 2.1|2 to 3 months salary in the past and usual Dearness and Emergency allowances.

The last date for receipt of applications is 29th December, 1944.

For THE TATA IRON & STEEL CO., LTD.

(Sd.) R. G. DESHMUKH,
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IMPORT TRADE CONTROL.

Licences for the import of goods falling under Parts I to V of the Import Trade Control Schedule from any country, which are valid for shipment in the period July-December 1944, except those for the import of Raw Cotton (Serial No. 2 of Part III), will stand automatically revalidated to cover shipments up to the 30th June, 1945 and do not require formal revalidation by the licensing authorities.

S. N. MEHTA,
Dy. Chief Controller of Imports.
New Custom House,
Bombay, the 18th December, 1944.
(1445)

CORRECTION

SMALL SAVINGS SCHEME OF THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

In the Public Notice regarding Authorized Agents, for the above scheme, which appeared in the "Bombay Chronicle" of 9th December, 1944, the Commission payable to Authorized Agents was wrongly mentioned as 3½%. It should be 2½% only.

(1303)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

Office of the Controller of Supplies (Disposals)
Strand House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

A PUBLIC AUCTION SALE will be held at M. T. Breakdown Depot, Dehu Road, on Friday the 22nd of December, 1944, commencing at 11 A. M. when Chevrolet, Ford and other M.T. parts and accessories will be offered for sale. List of materials available for disposal may be obtained either from M|s Gandhi & Co., Government Auctioneers, 72, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, or from the Controller of Supplies (Disposals), Bombay. The materials to be auctioned can be viewed at site by previous arrangement with the Officer-in-Charge, M. T. Breakdown Depot, Dehu Road.

Conditions governing the sale will be announced prior to the auction by the Government auctioneer.

(1435)

THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-fifth Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at Scindia House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on Tuesday, the 19th December 1944 at 4 p. m. (N. S. T.) to transact the following business:

(1) To sanction the declaration of Dividend of Re. 1 and Bonus of As. 4 per share free of Income Tax for the year ended 30-6-1944.
(2) To elect Directors in place of Mr. Manekial Premchand, Mr. Pingle Venkatarama Reddy, Sir Shantidas Askaran who retire by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election under Article 97 of the Articles of Association.
(3) To elect Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.

The Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 1st to 30th December 1944 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
NAROTTAM MORARJEE & CO.,
Agents.

Scindia House,
Ballard Estate,
Bombay, 15th November 1944.

N.B.—The Dividend and Bonus when sanctioned, will be made payable at the Central Bank of India, Limited, Bombay, on and after the 6th January 1945 to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company on the 30th November 1944 to whom Dividend Warrants will be posted.

Shareholders are requested to kindly notify any change of address giving Ledger Folio.

(1084)

THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at Scindia House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, today, the 19th December, 1944, at 4 p. m. (N.S.T.) to transact the business specified in the Circular Notice already posted to the shareholders.

For The Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.,
NAROTTAM MORARJEE & CO.,
Agents.

Ballard Estate,
Bombay, 19-12-44.
(1432)

NOTICE.

FROM 16TH DECEMBER, 1944, all Oil Cakes except Copra and Ground-nut Oil Cakes have ceased to be rationed cattle feeds in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District. Copra and Groundnut Oil Cakes continue be rationed cattle-feeds in accordance with the provisions of the Bombay Cattle-Feed Rationing Order, 1944.

A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Govt.
(1183)

WANTED

WANTED SUB-ASSISTANT SURGEONS in Medical Department Banswara State in the grade of Rs. 60-4-100. Minimum qualification required is L.C.P.S., L.M.P. experienced candidates may be given higher start. Applications with full particulars, testimonials and references should reach the undersigned on or before 31st December 1944.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER,
Banswara State,
(Rajputana).
1327

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

City Engineer's Department.
TENDER NOTICE.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the construction of a Building for housing the Stand-by Electric Generating Plant at the Dadar Purification Works and will be received upto 1 P. M. (B.T.) on Wednesday, the 3rd January, 1945.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the Office of the Chief Accountant, Bombay Municipality, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the description of the tender together with an earnest money of Rs. 2,500/-.

Forms of tender, etc., will be issued to any one deputed to receive them on payment of Rs. 5/- for each tender copy by the undersigned, who will, on application give any further information that may be required.

In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

TENDERS MUST BE BROUGHT DULY SEALED TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AND DELIVERED AT THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE AS DIRECTED ABOVE. TENDERERS SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FILL IN OR SEAL THEIR TENDERS AT THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT'S OR ANY OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.

Municipal Offices, Fort,
Bombay, 18th December, 1944.
(1443)

NOTICE.

WORKABLE second hand Typewriters of any make, model and size are required for Government use. Persons or firms desirous of selling their machines are requested to correspond with the undersigned stating make, model size year of purchase and price.

R. GHOSH,
Superintendent,
Bihar Government Printing,
Gulzarbagh, Patna.
(1440)

PUBLIC NOTICES

B. B. & C. I RAILWAY

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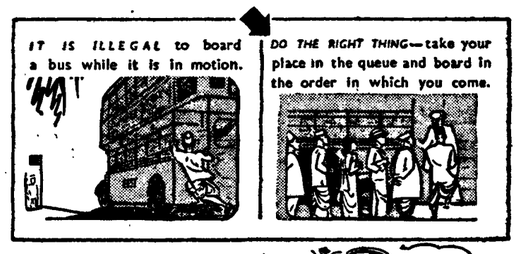
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